Share in the Cess collected in Gujarat

1331. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to answer to the Unstarred Question 709 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd July, 2002 and state:

(a) whether the State Govemment of Gujarat has demanded for 50 per cent share in the cess collected on the crude oil produced in the 5tate; and

(b) if so, by when the request will be considered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) The State Government of Gujarat had requested for a share of cess collected on crude oil by the Central Government. The cess is collected under the Oil Industry (Development) Act, 1974 and the proceeds of the cess are credited to the Consolidated Fund of India and the Central Govemment with the approval of Parliament, pays to Oil Industry Development Board, from time to time, out of such proceeds. There is no scope for sharing revenues from the income generated on account of cess on crude oil with the State Govemment.

Top Headed Staff of ONGC

1332. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ONGC is having more officers than workers in its workforce;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Officers Association has demanded again salary revision and profit bonus despite falling output of ONGC;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the reaction of Government thereon; and

(f) the proposals to downsize ONGC staff strength?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Oil and